

Chief, COMMO Division, OSO
via: SED

24 October 1949

General Counsel, Legal Staff

Jury Duty - [REDACTED]

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1. Your request for an excuse from jury duty for [REDACTED] was properly forwarded to this Office.

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2. It is our understanding that [REDACTED] is a regular departmental employee. Contrary to the understanding expressed in paragraph 2 of your memorandum, it is Agency policy to encourage jury service wherever possible without serious interference with Agency operations.

3. Each request for an excuse is considered on an individual basis and must be justified either on the basis of unusual pressure of work, security of operations, or other adequate reasons. If the justification is pressure of work, normally a postponement rather than an excuse from duty is requested. In the past year only three or four official requests on behalf of Agency personnel have been made. Of course personal applications for relief from jury duty are outside the jurisdiction of this Office.

4. Please let us know if there are special aspects of this case on which you would recommend official intercession.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

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cc: Subject
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